

"Nay" on rollcall 706, an amendment offered by Representative HENSARLING to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 707, an amendment offered by Representative HUNTER to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 708, an amendment offered by Representative JORDAN to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 709, an amendment offered by Representative PRICE (Georgia) to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 710, an amendment offered by Representative MUSGRAVE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 711, an amendment offered by Representative PRICE (Georgia) to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 712, an amendment offered by Representative KING (Iowa) to H.R. 3074.

"Yea" on rollcall 713, an amendment offered by Representative FRANK to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 714, a Motion to Recommit H.R. 3074.

"Yea" on rollcall 715, H.R. 3074, the Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation/HUD Appropriations Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

July 24, 2007

Roll call vote 691, on agreeing to the Mica (FL) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 692, on agreeing to the Bachmann (MN) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 693, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 694, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 695, on agreeing to the Chabot (OH) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 696, on agreeing to the Westmoreland (GA) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 697, on agreeing to the Sessions (TX) amendment—H.R. 3074, the De-

partments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 698, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 699, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 700, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 701, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 702, on agreeing to the Flake (AZ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted aye.

Roll call vote 703, on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted nay.

Roll call vote 704, on agreeing to the Frelinghuysen (NJ) amendment—H.R. 3074, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies appropriations for FY 2008—I would have voted nay.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAND UP EFFORTS OF STAND DOWN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Ventura County Stand Down, which this weekend will mark 15 years of helping homeless veterans combat life on the streets.

During the three-day, two-night Stand Down, veterans will live on the campus of the California Army National Guard Armory in military-style tents erected by the Seabees. They will have access to shower facilities, toiletries, new and used clean clothing, and hot meals each day.

Working in conjunction with dozens of public and private agencies, Stand Down 2007 will provide homeless veterans with a myriad of services such as medical treatment, legal services, prescription lenses, employment counseling and referrals, VA benefits, drug and alcohol counseling, general relief information, transitional housing information, along with a range of other government and social services.

It's a monumental undertaking. Ventura County Stand Down would not be a success—or have even been launched—without the skill and perseverance of Claire Hope, the founder and executive committee chairperson of Ventura County Stand Down. The daughter of a World War II veteran and mother of a veteran of Desert Storm, Claire Hope has a soft heart for veterans and a strong will to help those in need.

She is not alone. About 300 volunteers help each year with the efforts. Another nearly 300 companies, corporations, and non-profit organizations are on board. About 20 service providers take part and 20 committees oversee all aspects of the event, from planning, to execution, to cleanup, to follow-up.

Many of the volunteers have been with Claire since the beginning. While I can't name them all, I would be remiss without noting several key people whose efforts have meant so much to our veterans. They include:

Duane Dammeyer, Public Defender; J. Roger Myers, Legal Counsel; Bob Reeves, Grounds; Hal Nachenberg, VA Benefits and Services; Joseph Narkevitz and Robert Reed, PTSD & Intervention Counseling; Herb Williams, On-Site Activities; Bob Adams, Job Placement; Betty Zamost, Homeless Program VA Administration; Judge John Dobroth, Superior Court; Dr. Cal Farmer, Entertainment/Ambiance; Madeline Lee, Toiletries; Marie Williams, Transportation; Gene Ogden, Adopt-A-Veteran Program; and, Mary Ann Foushee, Social Security Administration.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing the importance of Ventura County Stand Down and in thanking Claire Hope and her myriad of volunteers for their selfless efforts in helping those who served our country and who fell on hard times to have a fighting chance to resume a life of stability and peace. It's a yeoman's effort, and one worth undertaking.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RE- LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA- TIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3074, the FY2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act.

This legislation includes funding for many valuable programs including \$1.4 billion for Amtrak, which serves as a critical transportation link not only for my constituents, but for people across the country.

I especially want to thank Chairman OLVER for the funding in the bill for the Second Avenue Subway. The President's budget request included funding for the Second Avenue Subway, which will be vital to commuters throughout the region and for thousands of tourists